

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
February 26, 2007

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Anne Creighton, Patrick Driscoll, Foster Lopes, Doris Modesitt,
Edward Murphy

STAFF ABSENT: Cleo Stuckrath (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Wolfe, Director of Parks and Recreation
Becky Juntado, Senior Center Director
Jessica Carter, Senior Center Coordinator
Katy Carter, Case Manager
Marlene Goldman, Library Department

GUESTS: James Hall, Shirley Estrada, Helen Rezendes, Frank Kadlecek, Reginald
Hernandez, Bill Steffan, Luis Gova, Gloria Hall

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION – None.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Doris Modesitt
- II. MINUTES OF THE January 22, 2007 MEETING – Approved as written.
- III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION – The Commission each received invitations to the E.A.H. Housing Annual Dinner.
- IV. REPORTS –
 - A. Health and Wellness/Case Management – Anne Creighton – The nursing program opened 8 new cases in February with 52 ongoing home visits. The Walk ‘N Talk program has 43 walkers and 74 blood pressure readings were taken in February.
 - B. Council on Aging – Edward Murphy – Distributed report of February 5, 2007 C.O.A. Advisory Council meeting. Transportation continues to be a key topic of the C.O.A.
 - C. California Senior Legislature – Foster Lopes – Reported on a letter sent to Mr. Austin E. Lucero from the Santa Clara Methodist Retirement Foundation, Inc. requesting support of its application for funds to H.U.D. for the Affordable Senior Housing project at 90 Winchester Blvd.
 - D. Senior Center Assessment – Patrick Driscoll – Reported that he is meeting with the Library Department to discuss suggestions on raising funds for the Senior Assessment. Santa Clara University continues to assist in the Senior Assessment program.
 - E. Senior Center Expansion – Doris Modesitt – The Commission reviewed the first two weeks use of the Senior Center. The Commission expressed how exciting the response from seniors has been with many new seniors attending the Senior Center for the first time.
 - F. Transportation – No report.
 - G. Library – Marlene Goldman passed out literature on various library programs.
- V. SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS – The Commission reviewed City Council Actions pertaining to seniors this past month.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CDBG Funding - Transportation (Outreach and Escort, Inc.) – The Director of Parks and Recreation reported that the City’s Community Services Division is planning to recommend that City Council approve an allocation in the FY 2006/07 Operating Budget to provide sufficient funds to continue the Para Transit Program subsidy to residents at the approved level. Increasing ridership by seniors and the disabled is the reason why additional funding is recommended. A motion was made by Foster Lopes, seconded by Anne Creighton, to recommend that City Council approved additional funds to the City subsidy of the Outreach and Escort, Inc. Para Transit services to seniors and the disabled in order to maintain the current subsidy level of services in FY 2006/07. Passed unanimously.
- B. Request to Rename the “Holiday Tree Lighting” Ceremony to “Christmas Tree Lighting” Ceremony
The Director reviewed the request made by Mr. Hall and others to rename the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony.
Mr. Hall restated his/others request and stated that he was offended by not calling the ceremony as a “Christmas Tree” Lighting ceremony.
The Commission discussed the request and gave individual opinions on the request.
A motion was made by Anne Creighton seconded by Patrick Driscoll, to keep the name “Holiday Tree Lighting” Ceremony as it is currently named. Passed with a 3 in favor, 2 against vote.
- C. Upcoming Events
The commission reviewed the March 2-4 Showtime 2007 fundraiser and the March 22, 2007 Men’s League Luncheon.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None.

- IX. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is March 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., Senior Center.

Prepared by: _____
LARRY WOLFE
Director of Parks and Recreation

ANNE CREIGHTON
Secretary